REMARKS:

Claims 2-20 are in the case and presented for consideration.

Applicant's gratefully acknowledge the examiner's indication of allowability for claims 2-7 and 9. Newly presented claim 2 has been amended to incorporate its base claim and is now believed to be in condition for allowance. The remaining claims depend either directly or indirectly from allowable claim 2 and are likewise believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 8 has been amended in accordance with the examiner's requirement and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

If any matters remain which can be treated by telephone interview the examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned to expedite the allowance of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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